

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1225 - HB 1786

March 12, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires a run-off election to be held within 30 to 45 days after the regular election if a tie vote occurs in an office filled by the votes of a single county or civil district.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures - \$11,500/Each Run-off Election*

Assumptions:

- Currently, if a tie vote occurs in an affected office, the county legislative office will cast the deciding vote.
- When and if a tie vote would occur for an office filled by the votes of a single county or civil district is unknown, the cost to conduct a run-off election will depend upon the county affected and the population of such county.
- Four counties were surveyed by the Coordinator of Elections office to determine the cost that will be incurred to hold a run-off election. The average increase in local government expenditures with respect to these counties will be \$11,500 per county.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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